

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:
providing a first set of announcements describing a plurality of multimedia
sessions transmitted through a network;
providing a second set of announcements describing at least one updated
multimedia session; and
transmitting said first and second set of announcements.
2. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein transmitting said
first and second set of announcements comprises transmitting said first set of
announcements through a first channel and transmitting said second set of
announcements through a second, different channel.
3. (canceled)
4. (canceled)
5. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein transmitting said
first set of announcements and transmitting said second set of announcements
comprises transmitting said first set of announcements through a first IP address and
transmitting said second set of announcements through a second, different IP address
respectively.
6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein transmitting said first set of announcements and transmitting said second set of announcements comprises transmitting said first set of announcements through a first port number and transmitting said second set of announcements through a second, different port number respectively.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein providing said first set of announcements and providing said second set of announcements comprises including in each announcement of said first set of announcements data for identifying said announcement as an announcement which describes a one of said plurality of multimedia sessions and in each announcement of said second set of announcements data for identifying said announcement as an announcement which describes a one of said at least one updated multimedia session.

10. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein providing said first set of announcements and providing said second set of announcements comprises including in each announcement of said first set of announcements respective data for specifying a position of a corresponding multimedia session within a first portion of a multimedia session directory and including in each announcement of said second set of announcements respective data for specifying a position of a corresponding multimedia session within a second portion of the multimedia session directory.

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising providing a third set of announcements describing another plurality of multimedia sessions including said at least one updated multimedia session.

14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, comprising arranging the providing of said second set of announcements after the providing of said first set of announcements.

16. (canceled)

17. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein transmitting said first set of announcements comprises transmitting said first set of announcements according to a session announcement protocol.

18. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein transmitting said first set of announcements comprises transmitting said first set of announcements according to a unidirectional transport protocol.

19. (canceled)

20. (canceled)

21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein transmitting said first set of announcements comprises transmitting said first set of announcements according to user datagram protocol.

22. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, comprising including a description of a corresponding multimedia session in each announcement.
23. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, comprising including a description of a corresponding multimedia session arranged according to session description protocol in each announcement.
24. (canceled)
25. (previously presented) A method according claim 1, wherein transmitting said first set of announcements comprises transmitting said first set of announcements as a series of linked messages.
26. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein transmitting said first and second set of announcements comprises transmitting said first set of announcements in a first set of time slots and transmitting said second set of announcements in a second set of time slots, each timeslot of said first set of timeslots being provided at a different time from each timeslot of said second set of timeslots.
27. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, comprising multiplexing said first and second sets of announcements.
28. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising providing a third set of announcements identifying said at least one updated multimedia session.
29. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein providing the second set of announcements describing the at least one updated multimedia session comprises providing a set of announcements identifying the at least one updated multimedia session.

30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein providing the second set of announcements describing the at least one updated multimedia session comprises providing a set of notifications pointing to the at least one updated multimedia session.

32. (canceled)

33. (canceled)

34. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, comprising transmitting at least one of said sets of announcements according to asynchronous layered coding protocol.

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43. (currently amended) A method comprising:

selectively receiving a first set of announcements describing a plurality of multimedia sessions transmitted through a network;

selectively receiving a second set of announcements describing at least one updated multimedia session; and

accessing at least one of the plurality of multimedia sessions.

44. (previously presented) A method according to claim 43, further comprising determining whether all of said first set of announcements have been received.

45. (original) A method according to claim 44, further comprising selecting not to receive further said first set of announcements and selecting to receive said second set of announcements.

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52. (canceled)

53. (currently amended) A method comprising:
listening to a first set of announcements describing a plurality of multimedia
sessions transmitted through a network;
determining whether said first set of announcements have been received;
if said first set of announcements have been received, then
stopping listening to said first set of announcements,
listening to a second set of announcements describing at least one updated
multimedia session and
accessing at least one of the plurality of multimedia sessions.
54. (currently amended) A method according to claim 53, further comprising:
stopping listening to a third set of announcements describing a further plurality of
multimedia sessions including said at least one updated multimedia session.
55. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a processor configured to provide a first set of announcements describing a
plurality of multimedia sessions transmitted through a network and further configured to
provide a second set of announcements describing at least one updated multimedia
session; and
an output configured to transmit the first and second sets of announcements.
56. (canceled)
57. (canceled)
58. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a processor; and
a receiver configured to selectively receive a first set of announcements

describing a plurality of multimedia sessions transmitted through a network and to provide the first set of announcements to the processor;
the receiver further configured to selectively receive a second set of announcements describing at least one updated multimedia session and to provide the second set of announcements to the processor.

59. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 58, wherein:
said processor is further configured to determine whether said first set of announcements has been received; and
said apparatus is configured such that if the processor determines that said first set of announcements has been received, then the receiver is configured to receive said second set of announcements.

60. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 59, wherein:
the receiver is further configured to selectively receive a third set of announcements describing another plurality of multimedia sessions including said at least one updated session; and
said apparatus is configured such that if the processor determines that said first set of announcements has been received, then the receiver is configured not to receive or not to forward said third set of announcements.

61. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 60 which is a mobile communications device.

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75. (currently amended) A method according to claim 43, wherein the second set of announcements describing the at least one updated multimedia session are in the form of a set of announcements identifying the at least one updated multimedia session.

76. (currently amended) A method according to claim 45, further comprising selecting to receive a third set of announcements describing another plurality of multimedia sessions including said at least one updated multimedia session.

77. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, comprising transmitting at least one of said sets of announcements according to a protocol based on asynchronous layered coding protocol.